

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) An improved backside decoration element for a pin-type earring which has a clutch, a longitudinal hole, and an outer cover made of a silicon material with an edge part protruded therefrom, wherein the improvement comprises:

said longitudinal hole formed on a central portion of the backside decoration element, said longitudinal hole getting smaller at a top portion thereof and larger at a bottom portion thereof;

said clutch having a plurality of fixing projections disposed on ends thereof with which an earring pin is guided to said longitudinal hole, wherein said plurality of fixing projections are configured to prevent separation between said clutch and said outer cover; and

said outer cover for covering said longitudinal hole and said clutch, said outer cover having said edge part protruded on an upper end portion thereof.

2. (Previously Presented) The backside decoration element according to claim 1, wherein said longitudinal hole gets smaller at a top portion thereof and larger at a bottom portion thereof, so as to prevent said earring pin from being removed therefrom.

3. (Previously Presented) The backside decoration element according to claim 1, wherein said clutch is provided with said plurality of fixing projections that are disposed at an

**U.S. Application No.: 10/698,947**  
**Amendment filed April 18, 2006**  
**Reply to Office Action dated October 19, 2005**

**Attorney Docket No.: 8611.007.00**

inside of said outer cover and adapted to prevent said outer cover and said clutch from being separated or damaged.